APPENDIX C



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Lisa Meyer Staff Archaeologist Office of Cultural Affairs New Mexico Historic Preservation Department 228 East Palace Avenue Santa Fe, NM 87501

Subject: Chimayó Community Water System Project

Dear Ms. Meyer:

In order to comply with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966, the Bureau of Reclamation requests input on our efforts to identify historic properties or traditional cultural properties (as specified in 36 CFR 800.4) for the project named above. This project was originally funded by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). In 2004 a cultural resources survey report with recommendations was compiled by Taschek Environmental Consulting, to which the New Mexico Historic Preservation Department (HPD) concurred on June 24, 2004 (Log 71359). On August 4, 2005, EPA issued a Finding of No Significant Impact.

Reclamation has now become a funding source for a portion of the project within the original scope of work that includes the application of base to existing roads, the construction of two pipeline segments, a water fill station and a booster station (see accompanying map). Based on the Taschek survey, the only cultural property falling within this portion of the project is the Acequia del Districto, which is eligible for the National Register of Historic Places under Criterion A. Construction of the water pipelines will follow the concurred recommendation of boring under the acequia for installation of the lines.

Since no cultural properties will be adversely affected, Reclamation requests clearance for this project.

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Archaeologist Jeffery Hanson at 505-462-3607 or by e-mail at jhanson@uc.usbr.gov

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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